

# Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza is located on the sixth floor of the Dallas County Administration Building (formerly the Texas School Book Depository) in downtown Dallas, Texas, overlooking Dealey Plaza at the intersection of Elm and Houston Streets. The museum examines the life, times, death, and legacy of United States President John F. Kennedy and is located at the very spot from which Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed the President on November 22, 1963. 30 minutes after the shooting, Kennedy died at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

The museum's exhibition area uses historic films, photographs, artifacts, and interpretive displays to document the events of the assassination, the reports by government investigations that followed, and the historical legacy of the tragedy. The museum is self-sufficient in funding, relying solely on donations and ticket sales. It rents the space from the County of Dallas.

The museum was founded by the Dallas County Historical Foundation.<sup>[1]</sup> It opened on Presidents' Day, February 20, 1989.<sup>[2]</sup>

A museum webcam features a live view from the sniper spot.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Items of interest

In December 1999, the Zapruder family donated the copyright to the Zapruder film to The Sixth Floor Museum, along with one of the first-generation copies made on November 22, 1963, and other copies of the film. The Zapruder family no longer retains any copyrights to the film, which are now controlled entirely by the museum. The original film, however, is in possession of the National Archives and Records Administration.

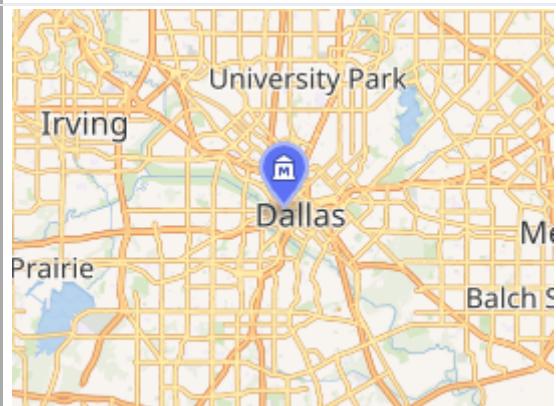
On February 19, 2007, the previously unreleased 8 mm film footage of Kennedy's motorcade, donated to the museum by George Jefferies and his son-in-law, was shown publicly for the first time. The 40-second film, silent and in color, showed the motorcade before the assassination, as well as part of Dealey Plaza the following day.

The Jefferies film was described as capturing "a beaming Jacqueline Kennedy," as well as showing Kennedy's suit jacket bunched-up in the back at that moment, about two minutes before Kennedy entered Dealey Plaza.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Sixth Floor Museum



The Texas School Book Depository (now the Dallas County Administration Building)



**Established** February 20, 1989

**Location** Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas

**Type** Historic

**Curator** Gary Mack (deceased July 15, 2015)

**Website** [jfk.org](http://jfk.org) (<http://www.jfk.org>)

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This is a view from the next window over from the Oswald shooting position. The yellow line shows the route of Kennedy's motorcade. There is an 'x' on the road marking the location of the final fatal bullet which struck Kennedy.

## External links

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- The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza (<http://www.jfk.org/>)
- The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza Mobile Site (<https://web.archive.org/web/20100218213757/http://m.jfk.org/>)

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